

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
MACON DIVISION**

**SCOTT LYONS,**

**Petitioner,**

**VS.**

**JOSHUA JONES,<sup>1</sup>**

**Respondent.**

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**NO. 5:25-cv-00012-TES-CHW**

**ORDER**

Petitioner Scott Lyons, a prisoner in Hays State Prison in Trion, Georgia, filed a handwritten document that was docketed in this Court as a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. ECF No. 1. Petitioner was ordered to recast his petition on the required § 2254 form and either pay the \$5.00 filing fee or move for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. ECF No. 7. Petitioner has now filed an amended petition on the § 2254 form and paid the \$5.00 filing fee for this case. ECF No. 11.

It is now **ORDERED** that, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, Petitioner further amend his petition to include every unalleged possible constitutional error or deprivation entitling him to federal habeas corpus relief, failing which Petitioner will be presumed to have deliberately waived his right to complain of any constitutional

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<sup>1</sup>In his amended petition, Petitioner properly named Warden Joshua Jones as the respondent in this case. See ECF No. 11 at 1; *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 2242 (providing that the proper respondent to a petition for a writ of habeas corpus is “the person who has custody over [the petitioner]”). Accordingly, the style of this case has been updated to show Warden Jones as the respondent, and the Clerk is **DIRECTED** to update the docket accordingly.

errors or deprivations other than those set forth in his initial habeas petition. If amended, Petitioner will be presumed to have deliberately waived his right to complain of any constitutional errors or deprivations other than those set forth in his initial and amended habeas petitions.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent file an answer to the allegations of the petition and any amendments within sixty (60) days after service of this Order and in compliance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. Either with the filing of the answer or within fifteen (15) days after the answer is filed, Respondent shall move for the petition to be dismissed or shall explain in writing why the petition cannot be adjudicated by a motion to dismiss. Any and all exhibits and portions of the record that Respondent relies upon must be filed contemporaneously with Respondent's answer or dispositive motion.

No discovery shall be commenced by either party without the express permission of the Court. Unless and until Petitioner demonstrates to this Court that the state habeas Court's fact-finding procedure was not adequate to afford a full and fair evidentiary hearing or that the state habeas court did not afford the opportunity for a full, fair, and adequate hearing, this Court's consideration of this habeas petition will be limited to an examination of the evidence and other matters presented to the state trial, habeas, and appellate courts.

Pursuant to the memorandum of understanding with the Attorney General of the State of Georgia, a copy of the petition and a copy of this Order shall be automatically served on the Attorney General and Respondent electronically through CM/ECF. A copy of this Order shall be served by the Clerk by U.S. mail upon Petitioner. Petitioner is

advised that his failure to keep the Clerk of the Court informed as to any change of address may result in the dismissal of this action.

**SO ORDERED**, this 13th day of May, 2025.

s/ Charles H. Weigle

Charles H. Weigle

United States Magistrate Judge